



## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### ***PUBLIC NOTICE***

#### **Amendment to Standards and Regulations for Subdivision Streets and State Highway Access**

##### **Background**

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), through its Division of Planning, seeks to adopt significant general revisions to its existing regulations regarding subdivisions streets and state highway access, not least of which to broaden the title of the regulations to "Development Coordination Manual," among other changes.

The current regulations were generally enacted in 2007, and were revised in partial form in 2010. The proposed regulations are a comprehensive re-write of the entire Section 2309 of title 2 of the Delaware Administrative Code. The changes take into account the issues and concerns identified and addressed as needing amendment by not only DelDOT staff, but also the end users of the current regulations.

Following is a summary of the major changes, organized by chapter:

Note that the previous Chapter 1 is now the Preface and the previous Chapter 9 is now Chapter 1, to provide for better, more logical, organization.

##### **Preface**

- Letters of No Objection are valid for 5 years, Entrance Approvals are valid for 3 years.
- The construction stage fee for major residential subdivisions is 150% of initial stage fee, up from 125%.

Chapter 1 – The minimum spacing for driveways on local roads is 150 feet, down from 200 feet.

##### **Chapter 2 –**

- The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) warrant for Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) is now 500 trips, up from 400.
- The sample list of land uses warranting a TIS has been updated.
- Items addressed in TIS scoping meeting items have been updated.
- Intersection included in the TIS scope will also be analyzed for auxiliary turn lanes.

Chapter 3 – The requirement Site Street Plans has been deleted.

##### **Chapter 4 -**

- The standard right-of-way dedication on divided highways will now be measured from the outermost edge of travel lane.
- The Letter of No Contention (LONC) – a simplified approval process for minor plans of existing businesses- is introduced.
- The Sidewalk/Multi-Use Path policy is revised to eliminate the requirement of paths that lead nowhere.
- More guidance is provided on walkway connections through neighborhoods and into commercial businesses.
- The requirement for a Connectivity Ratio of 1.4 will be enforced.
- Cross access easements are redefined.
- Emphasis is added in the record plan section that need a viable storm water management plan is needed for record plan approval.
- Electronic document submittals are required for all plan and reports.

Chapter 5 – New guidance is provided on:

- Turning templates

- Design vehicles
- Transitions to driveways and intersections
- Turn lanes follow our auxiliary lane spreadsheet
- Simplified pavement sections

Chapter 6 –

- Level 2 inspection (inspectors hired by developers) has been eliminated.
- Construction security (bond) rates have been updated.

Chapter 7 - Secondary access points on minor collectors and local roads will be easier to obtain.

Chapter 8 – Guidance is provided on entrance requirements for produce stands.

Public hearings will be held at the following locations:

Kent County	Delaware Department of Transportation Administration Building 800 Bay Road Dover DE 19901	Monday, June 9, 2014 Felton/Farmington Room 4-7 PM
Sussex County	Delaware Department of Transportation South District 23697 DuPont Highway Georgetown, DE 19947	Monday, June 16, 2014 Conference Room 4-7 PM
New Castle County	Delaware State Police, Troop 2 100 Lagrange Ave Newark, DE 19702	Monday, June 23, 2014 Conference /Training Room 4-7 PM

The intent of the hearings is to inform the public about the changes and to solicit input prior to finalizing the regulations. The hearings will consist of a presentation on the regulatory changes and a question and answer session with DelDOT staff. Interested citizens are encouraged to contribute written questions or comments in advance of the hearing by sending them via email to Marc Coté at [Marc.Cote@state.de.us](mailto:Marc.Cote@state.de.us). Audience members may provide written questions or comments at the time of the hearing for the discussion or may provide verbal comments privately to a court reporter who will be present at each location. The number of questions addressed will be subject to the time available at the hearing. You may review the proposed changes on [www.deldot.gov](http://www.deldot.gov). The Department will take comments on the Regulations through June 30, 2014. The public may submit their comments to Marc Coté, P.E., Assistant Director for Development Coordination, via email ([Marc.Cote@state.de.us](mailto:Marc.Cote@state.de.us)) or in writing to his attention, Division of Planning, DelDOT, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903.

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These locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aid, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, is requested to contact DelDOT by phone or mail one week in advance. For further information contact the Office of Public Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080 or write to the address above.

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